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## <u>City of South Fulton District 3 Councilwoman Helen Willis Receives Training Certificate</u> <u>During Mayor's Day Conference</u>

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, Thursday, January 31, 2019) On Sunday, January 27, 2019, City of South Fulton District 3 Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis received the Certificate of Recognition from the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute during the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) Annual Mayors' Day Conference in Atlanta.

"I'm honored to receive the Certificate of Recognition from Carl Vinson Institute of Government and The Georgia Municipal Association for earning 51 training hours," stated Councilwoman Helen Willis. "The training hours that I have obtained by taking multiple municipal classes help me govern and set effective policies for the City of South Fulton."

The Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute, a cooperative effort of GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provides a nationally recognized series of training opportunities for city officials. To receive a Certificate of Recognition, a city official must complete a minimum of 42 units of credit, including at least 18 hours from a list of required classes. The training program consists of a series of more than 60 courses.

"This is an outstanding achievement," said GMA Executive Director Larry Hanson. "We commend Councilmember Willis for this accomplishment and for the dedication she's shown in using this valuable resource to become a more effective city official."

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, research, training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 538 member cities.

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